

MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, JUNE 2, 2004

GENERALIZED SUMMARY

The Hamilton County Council met in a special work session at 6:02:39 in Conference Room 1A of the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center. Those in attendance were Councilors, Jim Belden, Judy Levine, John Hiatt, Meredith Carter, Steve Schwartz, Council Attorney, John Culp, Auditor, Robin Mills and Chief Deputy Auditor, Dawn Coverdale.

President Belden stated budget guidelines were decided as a majority and it's important that the departments follow guidelines. Departments could move items within 2000 & 3000 series as long as bottom line stays the same. There will be no new hires in 2005 and no changes can be made in 1000 series.

Councilor Carter stated the finance committee will prepare a presentation for elected officials and department heads concerning the county fiscal outlook.

Councilor Levine asked who would be attending the Indiana Councilors State called meeting and stated the afternoon session on legislative issues will be very important.

Councilor McKinney arrived at 6:10:36 p.m.

Councilor Levine presented to the councilors, books which have been prepared by the Hamilton County Council on Aging to use for reference.

The Council primarily discussed the proposed E911 rate increase and the implementation of an Excise Surtax and Annual Wheel Tax.

Work Session adjourned at 6:56:35.

President Belden called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 7:06:18 p.m. Auditor Mills called role: Judy Levine, John Hiatt, Jim Belden, Meredith Carter, Rick McKinney and Steve Schwartz. Councilor Wallace was not in attendance.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilor McKinney.

[7:07:21] Councilor McKinney moved to approve minutes of May 5, 2004 meeting with amendment removing last sentence on page 2, paragraph 3 under "New Business". Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS [7:08:08]

Kristi Williams of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy appeared to introduce herself as the new Executive Director and gave an update on their programs.

Ms. Williams also extended to the Council an invitation to attend the June 10, 2004 graduation at Oak Hill.

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORTS [7:09:49]

President None

Sheriff Carter addressed the Council regarding the E911 revenue stream. Sheriff Carter stated the increase in the E911 rate could possibly be used to subsidize the annual operating budgets of the City of Carmel, City of Noblesville and the County Sheriff Office. Sheriff Carter stated the E911 Board needs to meet soon to address how these revenues can be spent.

Vice President : Councilor Hiatt [7:15:20]

Reported EMA Committee met recently, asked David Bice, Interim Director to discuss recent developments at Emergency Management. Mr. Bice discussed the 2005 budget and the desire to add an additional full time employee.

Finance: Councilor Carter [7:15:02]

No meeting. Anticipate meeting in June and putting together presentation for elected officials and department heads.

Highway: Councilor McKinney [7:14:25]

No meeting

Personnel: Councilor Levine [7:18:50]

Committee hasn't met, reiterated there will be no new hires in 2005. Requests for part time staff will be considered.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Report [7:19:41] Commissioner Altman

Commissioners met with the Humane Society Board concerning animal control this morning. Currently exploring two options:

- 1) Strict government function with the facility on one side where we would intake all animals, holding them for seven days (or whatever is decided), then those which are not reclaimed by owners are made available to the Humane Society.
- 2) Continue to partner with the Humane Society with the change in structure where the County would provide an animal officer at the facility who would be responsible for making sure space is available at the facility for intake animals. This would include euthanizing animals that are at the shelter too long or are not adoptable.
- 3) A meeting with municipalities will be scheduled to get their input.

Riverview Board of Directors will be heading up search committee for new CEO. The search committee is more blended. The Board will select three people, the Physicians group will select three people and the Commissioners will select three people. Pat Fox is the interim CEO.

Requested the Council consider an additional appropriation to reinstate Baker, Donalson & Bearman at their July meeting.

COIT Update: Received information from State based on zip codes. This information has been reviewed by our independent auditors and Mike Reuter, Financial Consultant. There is concern about the validity of the data.

Commissioners are pursuing independent information from the Department of Revenue and the State so that we can have our auditor's and a confidentiality agreement and court order to review the information and proceed on to audit the information. Don't feel we will receive information back that meets our criteria. Commissioner Altman & Sheriff Carter went to Metropolitan Communications for Marion County and met with Steve Robertson, who is the EMA Director, and we're moving forward on the Errasy Grant. Mr. Robertson is meeting with SEMA to determine if we will receive the full \$10 million or whether the State will indeed take their 20%.

May 10 minutes of the Commissioners meeting will outline in detail where we are on the Juvenile Detention facility. Moving forward with design.

Councilor McKinney asked if an executive session between the Commissioners and the Council will be scheduled to discuss possible litigation on the COIT issue. Commissioner Altman stated absolutely.

Unfinished/Tabled Business

New Business

[7:29:28] Councilor McKinney moved to introduce for 1st reading Ordinance 06-02-04-A “An Ordinance Imposing Excise Surtax and An Annual Wheel Tax.” Motion died for lack of second.

[7:30:20] Councilor McKinney moved to introduce for 1st reading Ordinance 06-02-04-B “An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 8-21-02-A, and Ordinance No. 08-29-89, and Ordinance No. 05-11-88 Which Establishes a Fee For Enhanced and Emergency Telephone System”. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilor Levine moved to schedule Special Session on June 23, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of a Public Hearing for consideration and approval of Ordinance 06-02-04-B. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:32:15] Councilor Levine moved to approve Resolution 06-02-04-1 “A Resolution Of The Hamilton County Council Concerning The Exchange Of Real Property”. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Additional, Transfers and Amend Form 144

[7:38:39] Councilor Levine introduced the immediate past President of the Hamilton County Council on Aging, Mr. Lopes and Mr. Holms. Mr. Lopes spoke briefly about the programs available at the Hamilton County Council on Aging for seniors and presented books that provide listings of agencies that provide services.

Councilor Levine moved to approve Council additional appropriation of \$5,000 in 101.015.000.3610 Council on Aging. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:45:40] Councilor Hiatt moved to Emergency Management \$11,900 transfer from 101.024.000.1001 Director Salary \$7,900 and 101.024.000.1002 Deputy Director Salary to 101.024.000.1300 Part Time. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:46:00] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Jail additional appropriation of \$70,000 in 101.027.000.3704 Medical Services. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0). seconded motion.

[7:47:14] Councilor Levine moved to approve Clerk additional appropriation of \$22,050 in microfilm line item 101.029.000.1300 Part Time. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:47:54] Councilor Levine moved to approve Surveyor additional appropriation of \$10,000 in line item 101.044.000.1407 Overtime. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilor Levine moved to approve Surveyor additional request of \$28,000 in Surveyor Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund line item 372.000.000.1300 part time. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilor Levine moved to approve Surveyor additional request of \$105,000 in Surveyor Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund line item 372-000-000-3711 Corner Stone & Ditch Staking. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:57:40] Councilor Carter moved to approve Prosecutor’s \$22,925 transfer request from 378.000.000.1002 Screening Specialist to 378.000.000.1300 Part time. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

AUDITOR’S COMMENTS -[7:58:13]

Auditor Mills stated Kathy Richardson will be requesting Councilors work either Friday, July 23, 2004 or Saturday, July 24, 2004 in the Government Tent during the Hamilton County Fair.

ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS - none

[7:59:01] Councilor Levine moved to adjourn. Councilor Carter seconded motion. Meeting adjourned.

Those present:

- Kent Ward, Surveyor
- R. David Bice, EMA
- Kristi Williams, HC Leadership Academy
- George Piper, Daily Times
- Jim Neal, Highway
- Brad Davis, Highway
- Mike Howard, County Attorney
- Christine Altman, Commissioner
- Tammy Baitz, Clerk
- Jim Gillespy, Star
- Carl Harvey
- Polly Pearce

President

Auditor